



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Charlotte Newfeld of the Lake View neighborhood in  
3 Chicago has been a community activist for over 30 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Although Ms. Newfeld's interests and causes are  
5 diverse, all of her interests placed a value on diversity; her  
6 contributions to Lake View and Chicago include improvements in  
7 education, open spaces, neighborhood protection, and AIDS  
8 awareness; and

9 WHEREAS, Charlotte provided leadership to entities as they  
10 organized and began to function; for example she served as: a  
11 founding Director of Friends of the Parks; an original member  
12 of the District 3 School Council; the initial vice-chair of the  
13 Walt Disney Magnet School; and a founding Director of the  
14 Education Resource Center, which later evolved into the  
15 Children's Museum; and

16 WHEREAS, As the Legislative Coordinator for State  
17 Representative Arthur Telscer, she pursued her interest in  
18 education; she helped prepare House Bill 1223 and assisted in  
19 moving the bill toward passage; the bill became Public Act  
20 78-727, which established the Transitional Bilingual Education  
21 program in the Illinois public schools; and

22 WHEREAS, Charlotte is an active member of the Lake View  
23 Citizens Council and she served the Council as president; and

24 WHEREAS, She helped organize Citizens United for Baseball  
25 in Sunshine (CUBS), which endeavored to retain Wrigley Field as  
26 the only daytime baseball park in the Major Leagues; after  
27 night baseball was introduced at Wrigley Field, she worked with  
28 the community and city officials to provide protections that  
29 were needed in the neighborhood when night baseball games were  
30 played; and

1           WHEREAS, Charlotte led the restoration of the Bill Jarvis  
2 Migratory Bird Sanctuary in Lincoln Park by being the steward,  
3 grant manager, and the volunteer supervisor; the Sanctuary is  
4 an internationally recognized shelter and feeding site  
5 utilized by numerous bird species while they migrate along the  
6 shores of Lake Michigan; and

7           WHEREAS, She has been a strenuous advocate for gays and  
8 lesbians in Chicago; her active lobbying, along with the  
9 efforts of many others, resulted in the passage of Chicago's  
10 human rights ordinance, which prohibits discrimination because  
11 of sexual orientation; she served as the vice-chair of the  
12 Chicago Commission on Women and urged the Chicago Commission on  
13 Human Relations to create what has become the Advisory Council  
14 on Gay and Lesbian Issues; therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
16 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
17 we honor Charlotte Newfeld of Chicago for being a community  
18 activist in the Lake View area and for her leadership on issues  
19 that affected all of Chicago; and be it further

20           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to Charlotte Newfeld as an expression of our esteem.